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Swidnica, with 40,000 inhabitants, has one dispensary and one hospital, the latter located on Ulica Westerplatte. The dispensary (Ubezpieczalnia Spoleczna or Osrodek Zdrowia) occupies the four-story building of the former German dispensary on Lenina Square. It comprises all departments, including dentistry, and employs most of the doctors in the city. Doctors are allowed to practice privately only after working three hours daily for the dispensary. The dispensary is open to workers and their families. Treatment is given on production of a special sick fund card (Legitymacja Ubezpieczalni Spolecznej). 50X1-HUM

2. As a result of a rise in prices, members of the sick fund pay 30 per cent of the cost of medicines, instead of 10 per cent as at the end of 1952. Medicines are obtained against a doctor's prescription at any pharmacy. All pharmacies are state owned. Penicillin, from a penicillin factory at Warsaw, is available at the pharmacies, but other antibiotics are unobtainable. There is a shortage of injections for

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rheumatism of the joints (Vaccineorina ?), injections for liver diseases, and medicines for blood pressure patients.

3. The Protetyka cooperative dental laboratory, located at 19 Ulica Zymirskiego, was established in 1948 and is owned by 25 members, including two dentists, five administrative workers, and 18 dental technicians. Protetyka does work mainly for private customers, but also carries out orders received from the Dentistry Department of the city dispensary. It receives the materials it requires in accordance with a government allocation from government organizations at Wroclaw or directly from Warsaw.

4. The following are principal materials required by the cooperative:

a. Paladon, a plastic product used mainly for the production of dentures. It is still imported though it is being produced in Poland. ✓

b. Two types of steel plate, BH-3 and Remanit. These are used mainly for bridges and crowns.

c. Wipla, which is used rarely. It is not produced in Poland nor imported from abroad, but a small quantity has remained from the time of the German occupation.

d. Artificial teeth, imported from Czechoslovakia or Eastern Germany. ✓

e. Gold, the use of which was permitted by the government at the beginning of 1952. It can be bought without restriction at government stores. Platinum is not used.

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f. Drill heads and drills, imported

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